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the women scarcely live apart from the men, in Polynesian fashion. However, see Girieud and Herrenschmidt, p. 107, according to whom the women, like those of Nitendi, must hide in the bush and turn their backs or dive under the water when men approach.]

must even turn away if, walking along the village shore, he sees the women far out on the reef, and the women must cover themselves with their tapa cloths in front of the men. One almost never sees the women on the water; they go to the fields only in bands, accompanied by an old woman "chief," and if there are men coming from the distance, the women must hide in the bushes and turn their backs to the men. The men, for their part, must announce their coming by slapping their buttocks with their hands. The whole village watches over the behavior of the women; the members of the village feel responsible for the honor of their women, even when the latter have been bought by strangers and have moved away.

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With such strict etiquette there could not fail to be constant violations against morality, which are then the cause of village feuds. If a man happens to succeed in surprising a woman, it is said that he usually kills her to avoid discovery.

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Birth (1) takes place in the house. The woman gives

1. [Cf. Ethn., I, p. 144.]

birth standing up, holding on to another woman around the neck, and a midwife receives the child. The mother may go out as soon as she likes, but the child may not be washed during the first three months.

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Most of the prostitutes (2) come from the Reef Islands,

2. [Ethn., I, p. 145.]

because the women there are prettier and stronger than on